



Office of Mine Safety and Licensing



*Quarterly News
& Report*

*April - June
2008*



New Employees



*Welcome to
CMSL*



Gary Stewart
May 1, 2008
Mine Inspector



Levi McCray
May 16, 2008
Production Tech



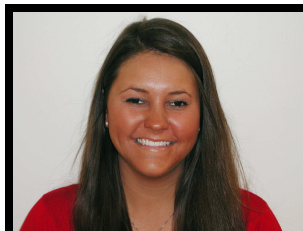
Roger Bartley
May 1, 2008
Mine Safety
Instructor



Bradley Thomas
June 1, 2008
Mine Inspector



Raymond Hudson
May 16, 2008
Environmental
Inspector II



Kristie McCoy
June 1, 2008
Administrative
Specialist II

Fatalities and Serious Accidents

Serious Accident
March 28, 2008

Jon T. Ward

ICG Knott County
LLC/Calvary
Martin District
Cause : Machinery

**March 15, 2008
- June 30, 2008**



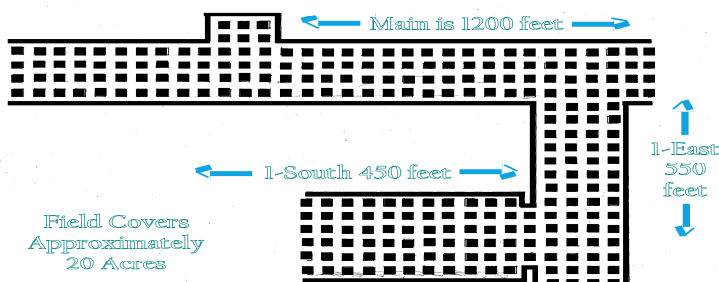
West Kentucky Mining Institute 2008 Safety Days May 21 - 22, 2008



The West Kentucky Mining Institute Safety Days is a mine rescue contest that takes place in Madisonville, Kentucky. It consisted of over 24 mine rescue teams from across Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

OMSL's New Mine Rescue Field

OMSL has just developed a new mine rescue field in eastern Kentucky. The field is located on approximately 20 acres, (1,250' x 700' x 630'). All entries are on 40 foot centers and consists of over 250 imaginary pillars. The Eastern Kentucky Mine Rescue Field will be used by five out of the six mine rescue teams including: Barbourville, Harlan, Hazard, Martin and Pikeville. The field is built on the ICG Hazard, LLC Job 24 Thunder Ridge Mine site. None of this would have been possible without their help. Thank you ICG Hazard for allowing us to use this property. This new mine rescue field will help improve mine rescue skills across the Bluegrass, for years to come.



Coming Soon!

OMSL is now in the process of developing a Western Kentucky Mine Rescue Field. It should be fully completed later this year!

OMSL Drug - Free Workplace

To help maintain a safer work environment for all of Kentucky's coal miners, The Office of Mine Safety and Licensing implemented a certified drug-free workplace program that allows coal mines to receive credit on insurance premiums.

On June 10, 2008, Booth Energy Group operations in Martin and Johnson Counties, received approval of their application to issue an OMSL Certified Drug-Free Workplace Program. This approval was the first for Kentucky. Marty Slone, safety director of the Matrix Energy Mine, has been working hard to establish a safety program any mining operation would be proud of. "This program shows our commitment to mine safety and to a drug-free work environment. Safety has always been a priority at all Booth operations, and this approval raises the standard once again. We're proud to be a leader in safety and in our commitment to our mine personnel," announced Slone.

Booth Energy Group has operations in eastern regions of Kentucky and southern West Virginia employing over 1,500 personnel in both underground and surface operations. It is owned and operated by James H. Booth and Ted McGinnis both of Inez, Kentucky and currently produces over 8 million tons per year.



Matrix Energy #1 Mine in Martin Co. Kentucky



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According to KRS 351.025 (6), the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing will establish procedures to distribute quarterly reports to every licensed entity describing mine fatalities, serious mine accidents, and penalties imposed on certified and noncertified personnel and licensed premises and to require the report to be distributed to every certified working miner employed by the licensed entity, posted at work sites, and reviewed at regular mine safety meetings.